

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Malan's Successor

THE election of Johannes Strijdom (or Strijdom) to succeed Dr Malan as Premier of South Africa will be greeted with little enthusiasm in the British Commonwealth. Even in the Union itself there must be many, including members of the Nationalist Party, who have grave misgivings over Monday's surprise success. For Mr. Strijdom, former Lands Minister, is the epitome of the extreme nationalist, contemptuous of Britain and the Commonwealth, and a confirmed Republican. Like their Voortrekker ancestors who trekked from the Cape into the unknown dangers of Africa to escape the British after the Boer defeat, Mr. Strijdom and his followers are isolationists. Dr. Malan, an avowed Republican himself, was at least realistic enough to know the value of Commonwealth ties for his country, and envisaged a Republic based on the Indian and Pakistan pattern. The Strijdomites dismiss this idea peremptorily. They say they will have nothing to do with a "coolie Republic" plan. South African republicanism is very different from any other form of republicanism. It is intensely racial and religious and based on the mystical concept of the Afrikaner people as a race apart, responsible only to God. If this ideal ever materialises it might breed a new master race of approved citizens in a community where non-whites would be condemned to perpetual subservience and the English-speaking population would become a suspected and possibly an ostracised minority. Mr. Strijdom's prompt pledge that his Government would pursue a policy of justice and fairness to every body will do little to reassure the various groups of people who have already been subjected to the harsh discriminations of the more moderate Dr. Malan. Mr. Strijdom's election to the premiership throws shadows grave days ahead for the Union. There is perhaps a single gleam of hope that the original members of the moderate Afrikaner Party who, under General Hertzog, rejoined the Nationalists in 1948 after a 15-year schism, may force the new Premier to forsake his emotional approach and proceed carefully with his plans for the future of South Africa. Unless he does make allowance for this minority of moderation he may court new friction in his ranks and possibly even a split.

The First Test

FOR the last six days, we have been sitting trembling with impotent fury watching a disaster slowly overtaking England—on the cricket field. The result was almost a foregone conclusion before the First Test started and the strange decisions of Captain Len Hutton are sufficient to throw anyone apart from the Australians amongst us into a boiling furnace of indignation. We are not trying to detract from the Australians' win. If England had followed on with a third innings, it is doubtful whether it could have mustered the 155 runs needed to overtake the Australian score of 601. Two questions need answering: why did Hutton and his fellow selectors pick four fast bowlers and not one slow bowler for variety's sake? (The excuse that the spin bowlers were not up to form seems rather pointless; they could not have done much worse than Messrs. Tyson, Statham, Bailey and Bedser.) Why when Hutton won the toss, did he decide to send the Australians in on a pitch described as "a batsman's paradise"? He gives some rather abstruse academic reasons for his decision, but wasn't it rather a case of feeling totally unjustified gamble? Cricket is still a game, not a science and a Test Match is not the time for dubious experiments. Hutton's captaincy leaves a lot to be desired. So does his team's general ability. After nine years of post-war cricket disasters have immunised to M.C.C. batting failures. We also tolerate their mediocre bowling efforts and loyally say: "Well done." But when the fielding deteriorates to the extent that it did on Friday and Saturday, the Englishman need a sharp reprimand. Compton's decision to bat with an injured wrist was a courageous gesture—but it should not have been necessary. It only emphasised the pitiful state of the English team. The M.C.C. may have to do a lot better in the next Tests to restore their prestige.

U.S. GIVES TWIN WARNING TO CHINA

John Foster Dulles Speaks Out

If 13 Americans Are Not Returned

If Communists Attack Formosa

NAVAL BLOCKADE POSSIBLE

Washington, Dec. 1. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today a United States naval blockade of Communist China was a possibility if peaceful efforts failed to effect the release of 13 Americans imprisoned on spy charges by the Peking authorities.

Mr. Dulles, at a press conference, refused to say how serious that possibility was.

In his Chicago speech on Monday he emphasised that the United States was trying all peaceful ways of obtaining the release of the men.

If those methods failed, he said today, the United States would have to reconsider the situation. He added he had a high degree of confidence that peaceful methods would not fail, but it was not possible to predict this with any certainty.

Asked if the United States had discussed the problem with the United Nations, Mr. Dulles replied that he had had discussions with other delegations. Asked if any blockade action would be taken through the machinery of the United Nations, Mr. Dulles pointed out that the United Nations Charter contained provisions permitting

AMERICAN FORCES WILL HIT BACK

Washington, Dec. 1. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today in effect threatened war with counter-attacks against the Chinese Communists if they should attack the Formosan headquarters of the Chinese Nationalists.

Mr. Dulles used strong language in giving his interpretation at a news conference to the terms of an as yet unpublished treaty between the United States and the Nationalist Chinese Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

This, he said, would be signed in the next two or three days in Washington.

Predicting probable war between the United States and Communist China if Formosa was attacked, he applied for the first time to the explosive situation in this area, the basic United States doctrine of "massive retaliation" as a deterrent against Chinese Communist aggression.

To those who may be alarmed by the implications of Mr. Dulles' stern warning, his news conference statements offer these assurances:

NOT GENERAL WAR
First, he himself said that United States retaliation against the Chinese Communists would not necessarily mean a general war with atomic bombs falling all over the map. He declined to predict the scope of any retaliatory action that the United States might take.

Secondly, he made it clear that the jurisdiction of protection of the treaty extended only to Formosa and the Pescadore Islands and not to coastal islands such as Quemoy and Tachen, which have already been under Chinese Communist attack.

Both Mr. Dulles and other Administration spokesmen have previously indicated that United States intervention to protect these coastal islands would depend upon whether the attack against them was an integral part of an invasion of Formosa itself.

RESTRAINING PEKING
Thirdly, Mr. Dulles hinted at practical arrangements which may in effect restrain the Chinese Communists from provoking an attack upon Formosa and thus precipitating war between the United States and Communist China through Nationalist attacks upon Communist China mainland.

Shell Oil Ship Destroyed By Fire: 10 Hurt

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 1. The 3,217-ton Shell Petroleum Company vessel *Luisa* was completely destroyed by fire today and her entire crew of 10 suffered injuries. Flames from the schooner enveloped the Shell Co. loading pier, causing damage which so far has not been estimated. The fire aboard the ship broke out while crew members were repairing one of the vessel's two motors. The flames spread to the *Luisa's* cargo of 800 bottles of compressed gas, which exploded with violent detonations that could be heard for miles. No deaths have been reported.—United Press.

JENNER'S VIEW

Republican Senator William E. Jenner said today he gave "full support" to a proposed naval blockade of China.

Mr. Jenner told the Senate he endorsed Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland's proposal that the Chinese mainland be blockaded until Peking free the 13 Americans they were holding.

"A nation which will not give every last ounce of its strength and courage to free its unjustly imprisoned fighting men is not worthy of respect as a sovereign power," Mr. Jenner said in a speech.

He said China's holding of 13 American military personnel was "a perilously close to an act of war." "It must be met by all measures necessary, whatever they may be, to compel the Red Chinese bandits to free all Americans now held in restraint by them," Mr. Jenner said.

Mr. Jenner also called again for a break in all diplomatic and trade relations with Russia.—United Press.

Three Republican Moves Fail

SENATE DECIDES TO CENSURE McCARTHY

Washington, Dec. 1. The Senate voted tonight to censure Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) for his alleged abuse of an elections sub-committee which investigated his finances in 1951-52.

The Senate approved the first of two recommendations censuring Senator McCarthy that he was guilty of "obstructing the constitutional processes of the Senate" by failing to cooperate with the Elections Sub-committee and because he "repeatedly abused" sub-committee members.

The recommendations were made by a special six-member committee.

THREE MOVES REJECTED
The Senate had beaten down previously three substitute motions aimed at clearing Senator McCarthy or toning down the charges against him.

While adoption of this language was not final and could be overturned by a possible later decision to kill the entire censure resolution, there was no suggestion the Senate's voting would take any such turn.

Still to be voted on was a count alleging that Senator McCarthy "intentionally abused" Brigadier-General Ralph Zwicker, a witness before Senator McCarthy's Investigations Sub-committee. Also pending was a charge that he abused members of the

Watkins Committee after they had recommended censure.

Three resolutions aimed at clearing Senator McCarthy were defeated before the censure motion was put to the vote.

By 68 votes to 21 the Senate rejected a proposal by Senator Everett Dirksen (Republican, Illinois) that the count against Senator McCarthy accusing him of contemptuous treatment of an Elections Sub-committee should be dropped and that it should be made to read that Senator McCarthy had broken no Senate rule.

SECOND ATTEMPT

The second attempt was made by Senator Karl Mundt (Republican, Dakota) with a substitute resolution to put on record that the Senate disapproved of Senator McCarthy's "unimpeachable statements" but to stop short of censuring him for them. This was defeated by 74 votes to 15.

The third resolution proposed by Senator Styles Bridges (Republican, New Hampshire) that the Senate should declare that Senator McCarthy had violated no rules or precedents of the Senate was defeated by 68 votes to 20.

The Senate then recessed until tomorrow without taking further action.

Senator McCarthy said in a television interview just before the Senate voted: "I don't think the American people are at all fooled."

"They know I am being censured because I dared to do the dishonourable thing of exposing Communists in government," he said, using the word "dishonourable" in an ironic sense.

Censuring him would "make the investigation of Communists in government much more difficult," he added: "It won't stop us."

He said the Senate Investigations Sub-committee, of which he is chairman, would resume its investigation of Communists in defence factories with a public hearing next Tuesday.

DREW GUNS

As the Senate was preparing to vote, two guards on an armoured car from New York drew guns outside the Capitol as they delivered anti-censure petitions. Capitol police told them to put the pistols away and they did so.—Reuter.

RUSSIA CALLS FOR NEW KOREA TALKS

New York, Dec. 1. The Soviet Union today moved in the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly to call an international conference of nations interested in the settlement of the Korean question.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, also called for the abolition of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea and an end to United Nations trade embargoes against North Korea and Communist China.

Earlier the Political Committee rejected a Soviet demand that Communist China and North Korea be invited to take part in the U.N. debate on Korea.

The vote against the Soviet proposal was 39 to 9 with 10 abstentions.

The Committee voted by 43 to 5 with 10 abstentions to invite South Korea to the debate.

Before the voting, Jacob Malik, for the Soviet Union, accepted an Indian amendment to his original resolution. The amendment was to group South Korea, North Korea and Communist China together in being invited. In view of Mr. Malik's acceptance it was this wording which was eventually voted on and rejected.

The United States and Britain both opposed inviting the Communists.—Reuter.

Belgium To Build Tallest Skyscraper

Brussels, Dec. 1. Belgium plans to build the tallest building in the world measuring approximately 1,870 feet high. It was announced today by Minister of Communications M. Edouard Anseele.

He said that the Government was to make a decision shortly on the construction of the building with a tower designed for television broadcasts and as a radio station.

Present plans provide that this tower—over 1,800 feet high—will be located on a 200-foot hill near Brussels. It thus would stand over 2,000 feet above sea level.—France-Press.

The Life Guard Had To Smile



Even the Life Guards officer had to relax military dignity to join the Queen and Prince Charles in a smile at a childish guff from Princess Anne. Setting for this happy little scene was Waterloo Station, where the Royal family waited to welcome home the Queen Mother from her visit to Canada and the United States.—Reuterphoto.

BRITAIN TO SCRAP ACK-ACK GUNS

New Atom-age Defence Plan

London, Dec. 1. The Defence Minister, Mr. Harold MacMillan, announced tonight that Britain will "forthwith" begin scrapping its anti-aircraft guns now outmoded by atomic weapons and high-flying planes or rockets.

Simultaneously, the Churchill Government announced it would be prepared to discuss defence questions with the Labour Party—or even hold a secret Commons session, the first since the war.

Mr. MacMillan told members of Parliament that "drastic reductions" will be made "forthwith" in conventional anti-aircraft guns and the whole anti-aircraft command abolished.

ROCKET SUBSTITUTE
Only recently Britain started taking deliveries of United States WAC Corporal rockets to supplement normal artillery.

Mr. MacMillan did not say what Britain would substitute for the ack-ack, but it was con-

"The development of nuclear weapons and of long-range aircraft capable of high speed and of operating at great altitude has, in the Government's view, radically reduced the effectiveness of anti-aircraft defences."

DRASTIC REDUCTIONS

"The Government has decided that it is no longer justifiable to continue to spend money on to use manpower on the present scale for anti-aircraft defences in the United Kingdom. They, therefore, intend to make drastic reductions and to put this into effect forthwith."

Some three-quarters of the ack-ack units will be abolished, he said. Those retained will be to guard precision bombing targets.—United Press.

Sequel To Last Night's Tram Incident

Eight "Hot Heads" In Court

Described by the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, Hongkong, Mr. W. Todd, as a bunch of "hot-heads," eight men appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on various charges arising out of last night's tramway incident.

They all pleaded not guilty to their respective charges and hearing of the case was set for tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

All were remanded in gaol custody.

Siu Hing, 32, Tramway Workers' Union boy, Cheung Yiu-cho, 29, HKT electrician, Lia Yuen, 34, HKT electrician, Choi Ching, 38, Tramway Worker, Hong Kwong, 21, barber, Ng Fong, 29, HKT conductor, and Lai Pok-lun, 32, Tramway Workers' Union boy, were charged with obstructing and resisting arrest by the Police yesterday at Hennessy Road near Canal Road, West.

HANDBILLS IN CHINESE
Siu Hing was also alleged to have unlawfully distributed handbills in Chinese without the permission of the S.C.A. or a District Officer yesterday at the same place.

Wong Mun-wah, 27, Tramway Workers' Union boy, was alleged to have behaved in a disorderly way yesterday at Hennessy Road near Canal Road, West.

Det. Inspector N. Reynolds of Eastern Police Station was in charge of the case.

Mr. Todd said that the background of the case was the tramway dispute involving two factions of workers and the management itself.

The Police, he said, had no interest in the strike or politics, but they were highly concerned with the preservation of the Queen's peace during the dispute.

SERIOUS THREAT

"The present charges constitute a serious threat to law and order in this Colony and I therefore ask if your Worship will consider carefully the question of bail even with an early date."

"The Prosecution has 20 witnesses in this case and therefore if your Worship does grant bail and bail is put up, these hot-heads will be free to start further trouble."

Mr. Todd suggested to Mr. Lo that if he granted bail then he should bind all defendants over until the charges against them were decided one way or the other. He also had in mind the question of interference with Police witnesses.

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Mr. Harold MacMillan

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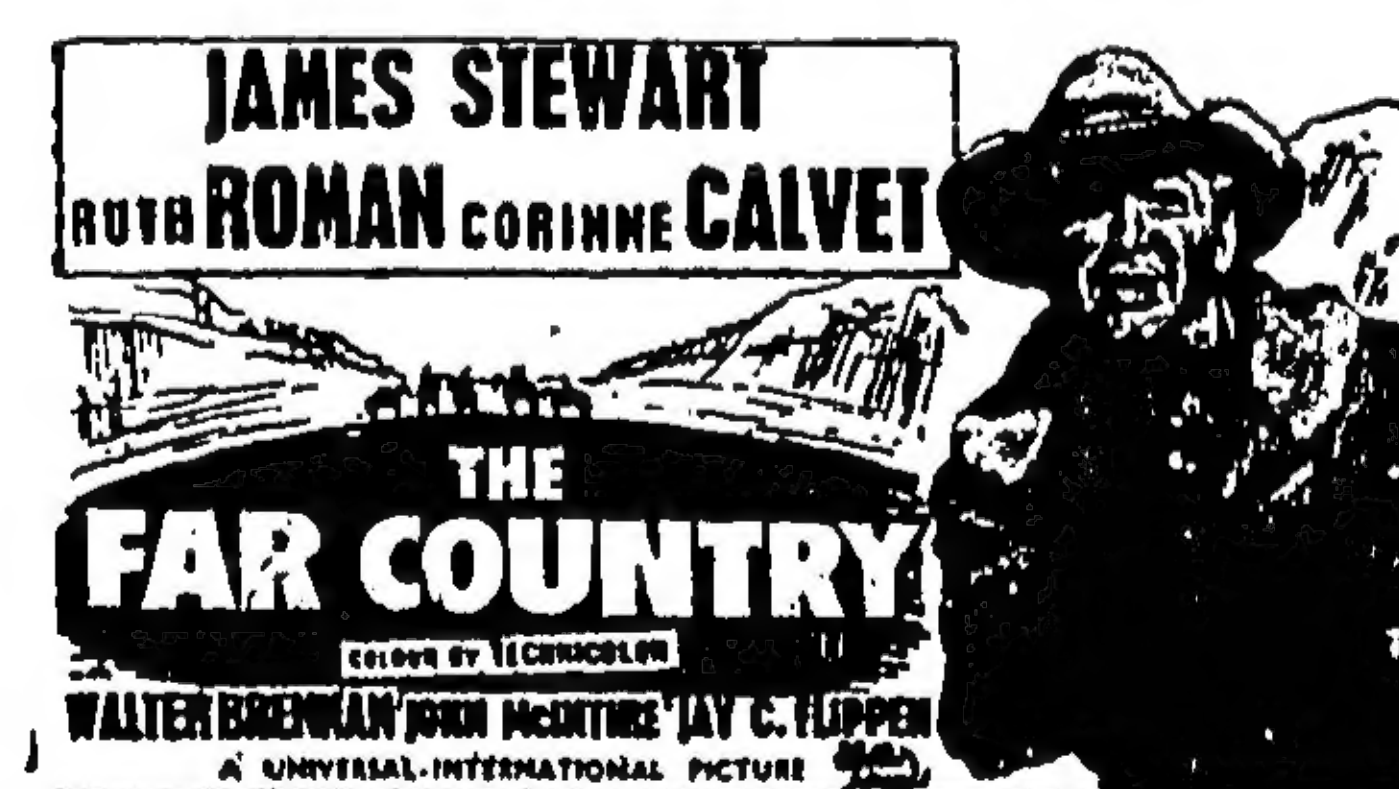


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VIETNAM ASSEMBLY

Belated Step To Stop Red Encroachment

Saigon, Dec. 1.

Prémier Ngo Dinh Diem's government today announced the creation of Vietnam's first national assembly.

The assembly project was considered a belated step to put a popular backbone into South Vietnam's struggle against Communist encroachment, but many observers feared the menace of anarchy had grown too big to tame.

At least four police were killed and 13 wounded last night in a street battle in suburban Cholon. Police shot it out with a company of the Vietnamese National army.

TANKS STAND BY

Seven tanks from the French Foreign Legion were ordered to stand by today in case disorders spread.

Binh Xuyen Police Chief, Lai Huu San, claimed the army was falling apart as a result of the dismissal three days ago of its Chief of Staff Gen. Nguyen Van Lanh, a bitter foe of the Premier.

Government circles counter-charged that the company involved consisted of Catholic infantrymen from North Vietnam loyal to Diem who clashed with the anti-Diem Binh Xuyen.

It was considered unlikely here that the creation of an assembly would heal many wounds or rally the largely apathetic South Vietnamese to the banner of anti-Communism, however, bravely it was paraded.

This dovetailed with reports current here that the special United States Ambassador, Mr. J. Lawton Collins, had told Washington it was impossible to transform South Vietnam into a military bastion on the lines of South Korea.—United Press.

NEPALESE KING CAN TAKE WIVES

Zurich, Dec. 1. The United States Consul-General announced today that King Tribhuvan of Nepal can take both his wives to America even though U.S. law prohibits polygamy.

Small print in the 1952 immigration and naturalization Act opens the way for the mountain monarch's household to visit the United States, the Consul-General, Howard Donovan, declared. He issued a "clarification" of the announcement here by the Royal Military Secretary of Nepal that King Tribhuvan would postpone his trip because of American laws against polygamy.

Both the King's wives, the "senior Queen" and "Junior Queen," accompanied him to Switzerland, where he is undergoing treatment for a heart condition. Within a month, the King had planned to go on to America on a private visit to consult specialists there.—United Press.

Polish Hero Murdered Partner

Swansea, Dec. 1.

Sixty-year-old Michael Onufrejczyk, dapper, white-bearded Polish war hero, was sentenced to death today for killing his partner, Stanislaw Sykut, 59, whose body has never been found.

A jury found him guilty of murder after a 12-day trial in which the prosecution alleged that Onufrejczyk killed Sykut because he had threatened to sell out his share of their farm in Carmarthenshire.

The prosecution alleged that Onufrejczyk could not afford to buy his partner's share, killed Sykut, probably in the farm kitchen where thousands of small blood stains were found, and hid his body.

IN IGNORANCE

Onufrejczyk was left in apparent ignorance of his fate until after the trial, as the Polish interpreter in court could not be found when the jury reached their verdict after nearly three hours.

So the judge, Mr Justice Oliver, pronounced the death sentence in English.

The bearded Pole bowed stiffly and walked to the cells between two warders.

Later in the day a Polish interpreter went to the cells to explain the sentence to the condemned man, in case he had not understood the judge. Onufrejczyk's solicitors said later that the question of an appeal was being considered.

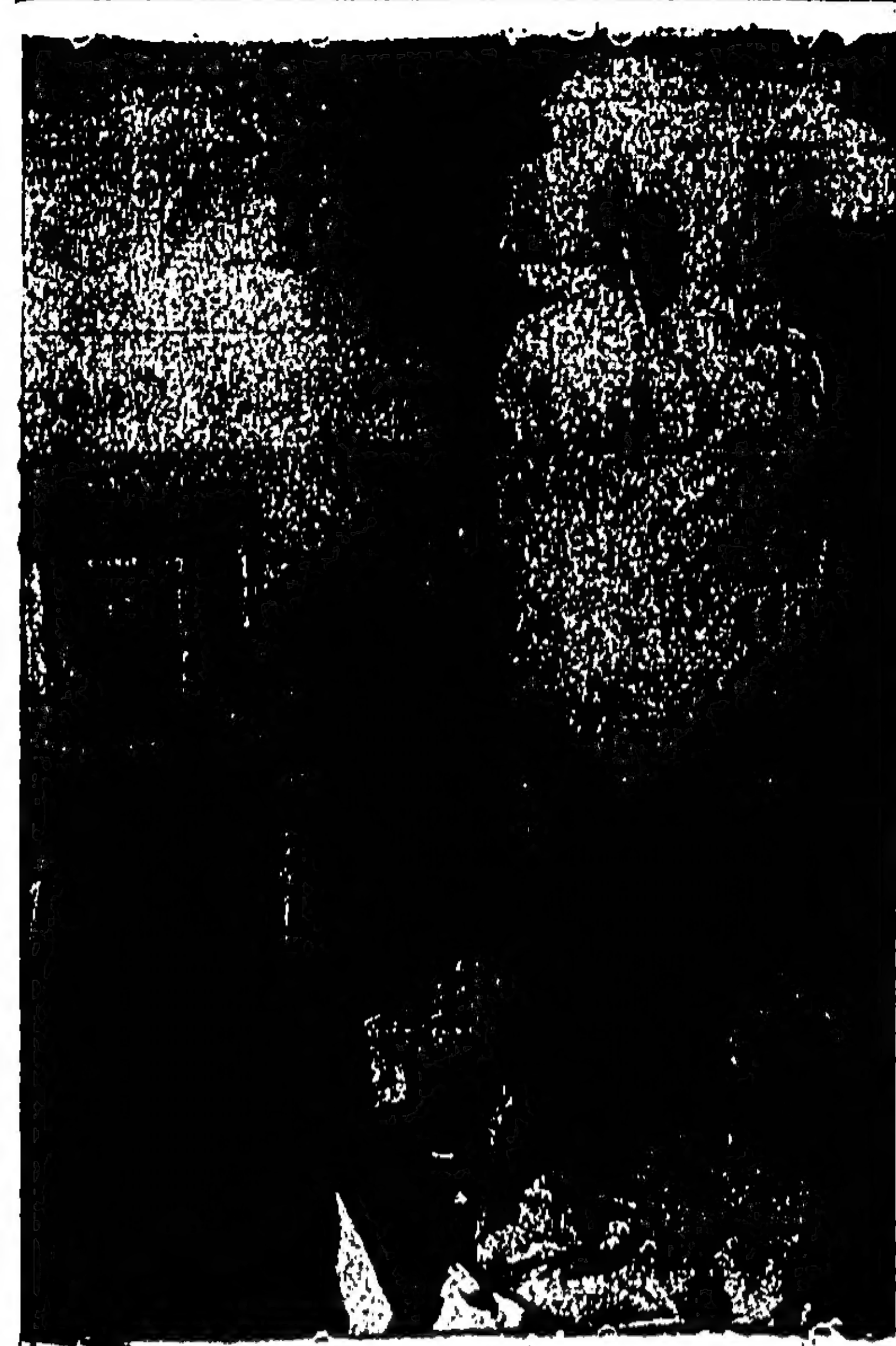
DEALT WITH LAW

Judge Oliver's summing-up, which lasted nearly five hours, dealt with English law relating to murder trials where no body has been found.

He said that before convicting the accused, the law said that the fact of death should be proved by such circumstances as rendered the commission of the crime morally certain and left "no ground for reasonable doubt."

When the jury had reached their verdict, the judge exempted them from further jury service for the rest of their lives, and said: "I am entirely in agreement with your verdict, and I think it is entirely justified."

Onufrejczyk had a distinguished career in the Polish Army, serving in both world wars and holding his country's highest award for gallantry—the Virtuti Militari Medal.—China Mail Special.



Carlis of Alexandre, the famous French hair stylist, who has fashioned the hair of many world famous persons including the Duchess of Windsor and the Begum Aga Khan, recently gave a demonstration of his art at the "Bayerischer Hof" hotel, Munich. In the picture Carlis puts the finishing touches to "Antionette," one of the more sensational hair styles he exhibited.—Express Photo.

DISASTER WILL NOT STRIKE FROG VILLAGE

Bakara Arang, Malaya, Dec. 1.

The villagers of Bakara Arang, terrified nearly a fortnight ago by the bad omen of a furious, four-day battle of frogs, breathed a sigh of relief—for their village diety Loh Chia Thye Choo (Prince Loh Chia) had assured them that their village will be spared from harm.

The war of the frogs raged for four days near one of the main roads here, at times holding up traffic. The fiercest fighting was around a pond, whose owner described the battle as "unbelievable." "I saw the fighting frogs carrying away their casualties," she declared.

LOCKED IN COMBAT

For four days the edible brown water frogs and the black land frogs were locked in mouth-to-mouth combat. Witnesses who did their best to stop the battle found many of the warriors dead with their tongues bitten off.

Onlookers churned up the water in the pond in a futile attempt to distract their attention, but they fought on. The villagers thought it was a vengeance raid on the part of the brown frogs. "The king of the brown frogs was attacked when he trespassed into the territory of the blacks," they said.

The villagers feared "the fire of the gods" because the last known frog war was fought in the same area just before the outbreak of the Korean war.

To ward off evil influences they sacrificed chickens and roast pigs to "Prince Loh Chia." Through a medium, they revealed, their god had pledged his protection.

(Prince Loh Chia, one of the Chinese warrior gods, never grows old and is a potent fighter of evil. He travels about on a pair of blazing wheels, on which he "roller skates" at supersonic speeds.)—France-Press.

Enriched Rice Experiment

Singapore, Dec. 1.

A Malayan medical research unit is to conduct shortly its first field work on the experiment to improve the health of rubber estate workers with enriched rice.

The experiment will begin with a field survey to ascertain the existing diet of the workers before introducing the specially enriched grain.

In all 22 rubber estates in the Federation of Malaya will be the "guinea pigs" for the experiment. The result of the experiment is not expected to be known before a year.

FEED HALF

The scheme involves feeding workers on half the number of estates with enriched rice, while those on the other estates will carry on with their normal diet of rice.

The Malayan Institute of Medical Research, which is conducting the experiment, hopes that the test would prove a success enabling estate employers to supply their labour forces with enriched rice.

The Institute is also carrying on experiments to produce locally parboiled rice that would be acceptable to the general Malayan public.—France-Press.

Throne Speech Motion Tabled

London, Dec. 1.

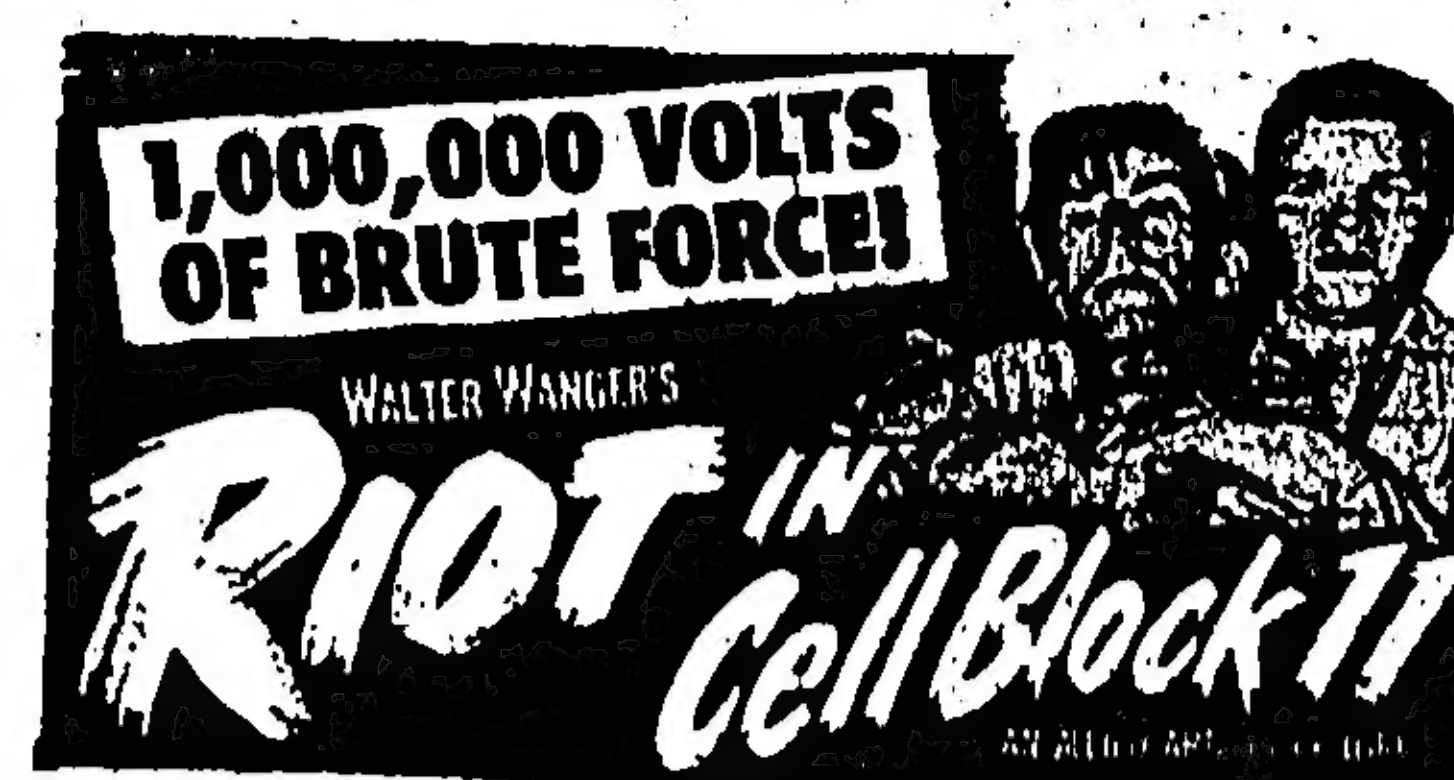
The British Labour Party Opposition tonight tabled two motions in Parliament criticising the "speech from the Throne" (government policy speech) for:

1. Failing to include any measure on social justice.
2. Failing to make a reference to the atomic bomb.
A third Opposition motion on foreign policy, which is to require opening negotiations with the Soviet Union as soon as possible after ratification of the London and Paris Agreements, is to be tabled on Monday.—France-Press.

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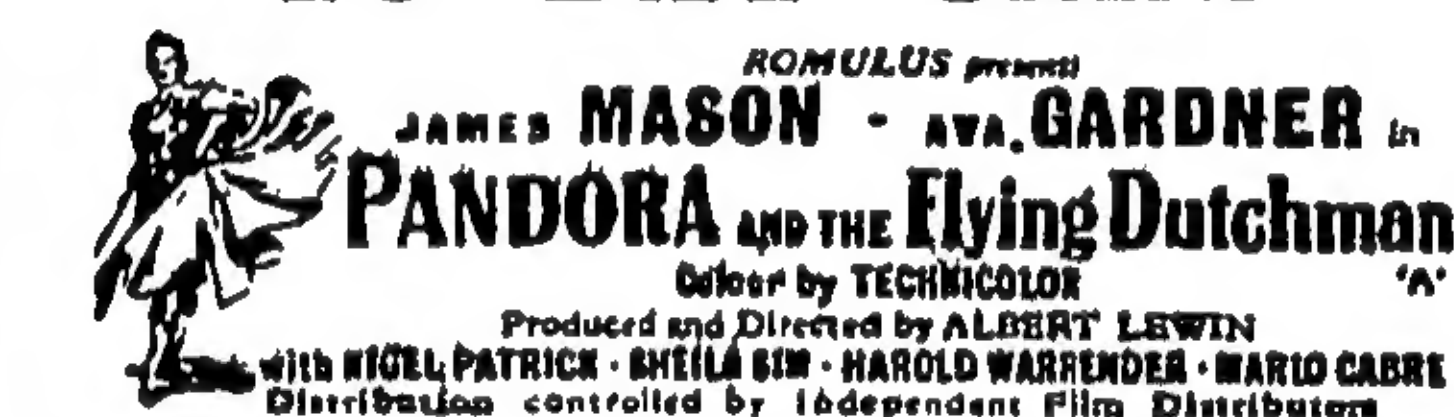
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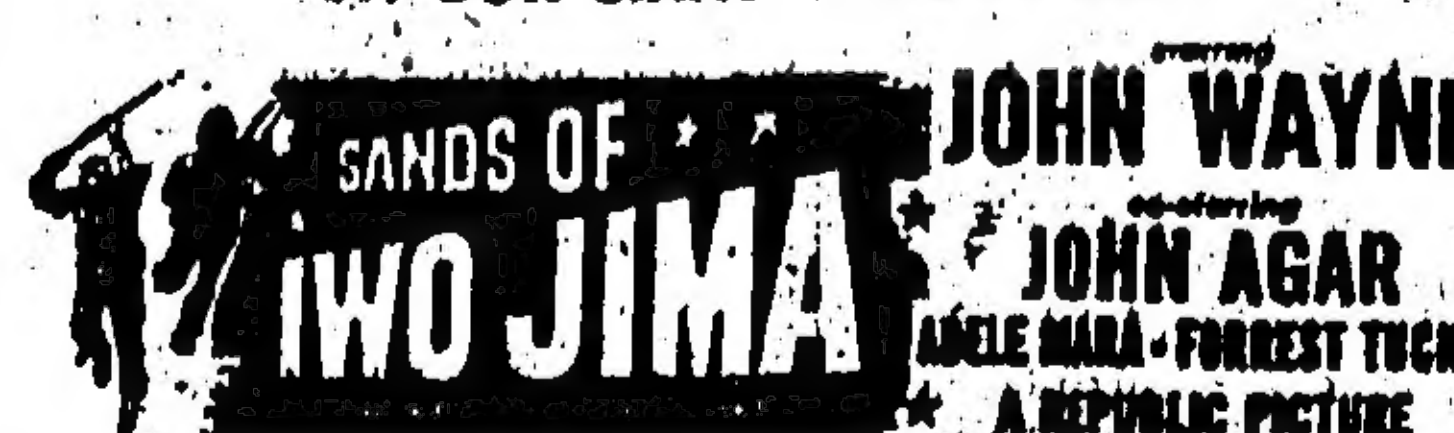
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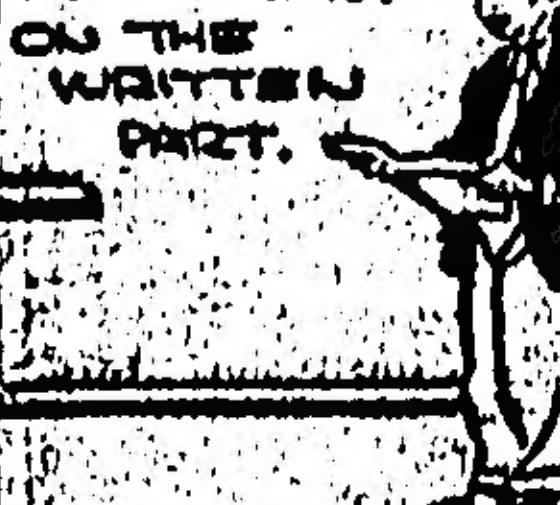
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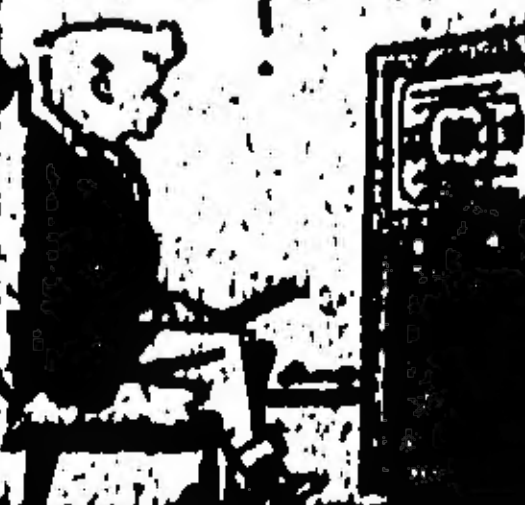
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AN ESSAY ON WHAT I LIKE BEST ON TV.



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CHINA SUPPORTS EAST EUROPE



POPE PIUS XII

Pope May Not Attend Marian Ceremony

Vatican City, Dec. 1. Vatican sources reported a slight improvement in the condition of Pope Pius XII today, but said that it still is questionable whether he will be able to attend the ceremony closing the Marian Year, a week from today.

Yesterday, an official announcement said that the Pontiff would attend the solemn religious ceremonies in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, but sources close to the Pope's doctors said today that such activity by the Pope still is doubtful.

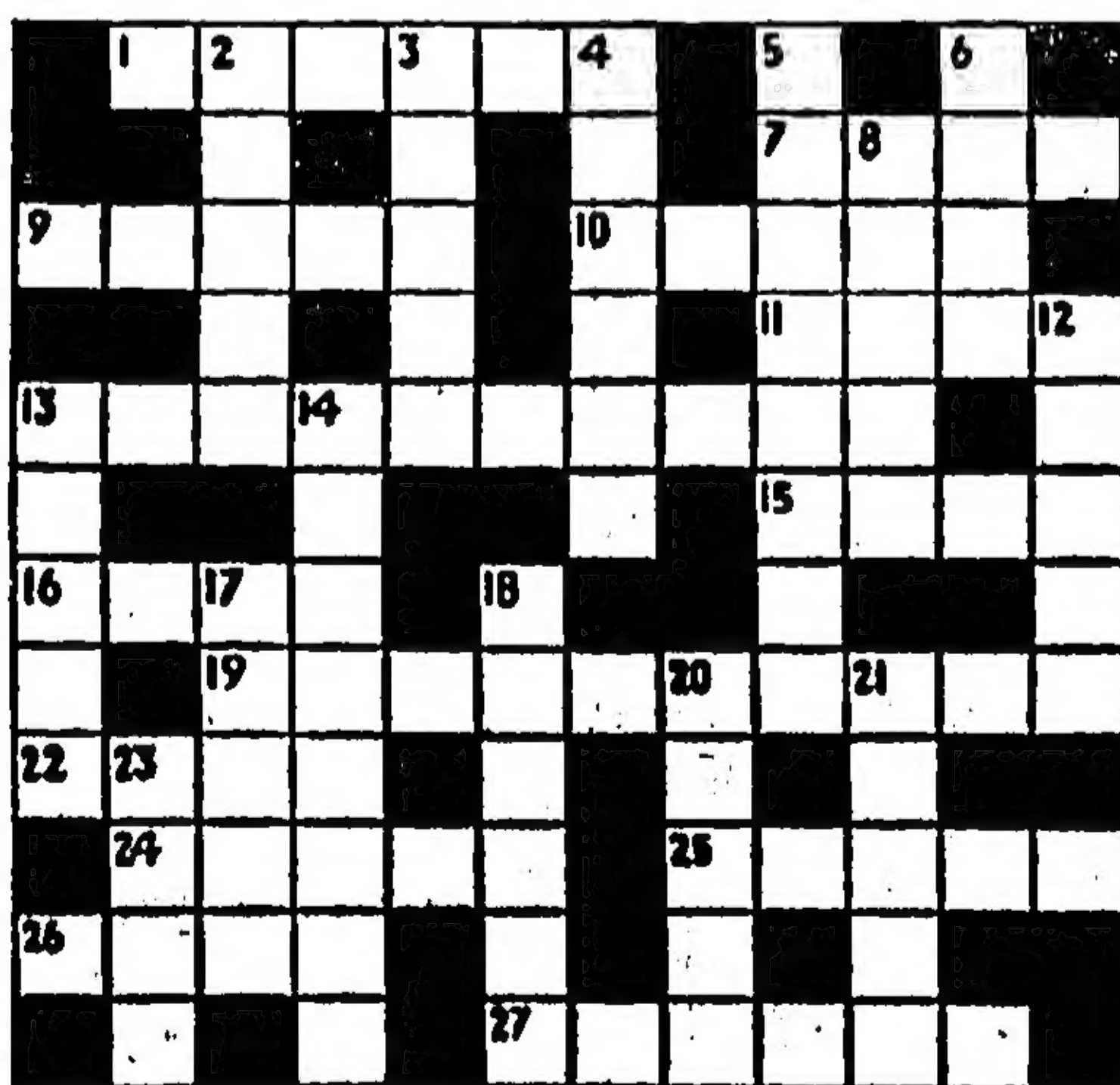
BEST ORDERED
The Pope's physicians, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lati and the Swiss specialist, Dr. Paul Niehans, have ordered a period of complete rest for the 78-year-old Pontiff. He is suffering from a mild recurrence of a stomach ailment and hiccups which weakened him last winter.

Vatican sources said that despite yesterday's definite announcement the possibility could not be ruled out that on December 8 the Pope's physicians may rule additional rest is needed. These sources said that the Pope definitely will not attend this Sunday's beatification of the Italian monk Placido Riccardo. —United Press.

Brisbane, Dec. 2. A number of Royal Australian Navy air pilots will go to England tomorrow, the end of this year to complete conversion courses on jet and new anti-submarine aircraft.

This was announced here by Commodore D. Mel Russell, who said that Australia's new light carrier, HMAS Melbourne, would be equipped with Sea Venom jet fighters and Fairey Gannet anti-submarine aircraft. Commodore Russell, who arrived in Australia three months ago from the Royal Navy, is Fourth Member (Air) of the Australian Navy Board. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Unemotional (6).
 - Sign (4).
 - Crustacean (5).
 - Fruit (5).
 - Places (4).
 - Amends (10).
 - Commodious (4).
 - Prejudice (4).
 - Very hot (10).
 - Behindhand (4).
 - Pluck (5).
 - Sluggers (5).
 - Kernel (4).
 - Enlist (6).
- DOWN**
- Vagrant (5).
 - Passenger ship (6).
 - Swirl (6).
 - Author (8).
 - Crooked (4).
 - Scale (6).
 - Scion (5).
 - Insurgent (5).
 - Replied (8).
 - Flower (8).
 - Mistake (5).
 - Perfect (6).
 - Before long (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Adhere, 4. Pinch, 7. Carpet, 9. Ripen, 10. Sun, 12. Rabbits, 13. Demean, 14. Paris, 17. Opal, 19. Liqueur, 20. Minutes, 21. Skewer, 23. Sheep, 24. Coarse, 25. Fleet, 26. Chaste, Down: 1. Accusation, 2. Haridan, 3. Road, 5. Indicate, 6. Clever, 8. Merit, 11. Relative, 13. Ruler, 15. Tankards, 16. Stampede, 18. Pistol, 22. Loch.

No Immediate Military Pact Expected ALL DEPENDS ON PARIS AGREEMENTS

Moscow, Dec. 1. Communist China today pledged "whole-hearted support" for all measures adopted at talks here between Russian and seven East European Communist nations.

Mr. Chang Wen-tien, Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, who is attending the conference as an observer, told the 35 delegates today the Paris agreements rearming West Germany would require strengthened defences "in the camp of peace and democracy."

He added that China wholeheartedly supports the decisions and all measures concerned with the preservation of peace and security in Europe that will be taken by the present conference.

Delegates from Albania, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria today endorsed the view of Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany that the Soviet group must strengthen its defences and form a united command "in case the Paris agreements are nullified."

TOAST TO FORCES
Mr. Chang did not indicate whether Chinese forces would also take part in any unified command. Western observers noted that at a conference reception last night Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Defence Minister, coupled the Chinese Army with the forces of East Europe in a toast.

The Chinese Ambassador told the conference that ratification of the Paris agreements "will not only lead to a deterioration of the situation in Europe, but will increase tension in international relations all over the world."

It is safe to say that if American aggressive circles, and the West German militarists, patronised by these circles, dare to unleash a new world war against the Soviet Union and the countries of peoples' democracy, they will meet a still bitterer fate than that met by Hitler.

"We in China are not afraid of war. We need peace but we are not afraid of a war directed against aggression," Mr. Chang added. A Foreign Ministry spokesman, who released the text of Mr. Chang's speech, said tomorrow's session would discuss the draft of a joint declaration by participants.

POSSIBLE COMMANDER
Informed sources in the capital said Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, wartime hero of the battles for Moscow and Stalingrad, had been named as the possible commander of a unified command.

PAKISTAN UNITY PLAN SUPPORTED

Karachi, Dec. 1. Pakistan Premier Mohammed Ali in his first-of-the-month speech today declared that the scheme of uniting the different provinces of West Pakistan into a single unit "had met with one reportedly large majority support."

He added that the Punjab had accepted to have only a 40 per cent representation for 10 years in the West Pakistan Legislative Assembly, while the smaller units would receive 60 per cent representation, whereas according to the population, the situation should be reversed.

In Karachi, itself, government offices, the Federal Court and official residences will remain under the jurisdiction of the central administration. As for Kashmir, Premier Ali declared that the Kashmiris would retain their option and their will even after West Pakistan had been integrated. —France-Press.

George Robey's Body Cremated

Brighton, Dec. 1. The little cane which he used to carry on the stage lay entwined with anemones on the coffin when Sir George Robey, veteran British comedian, was cremated today at Brighton.

The cane, which the 85-year-old comedian was clutching when he died on Monday, had accompanied him throughout his career and was part of his most famous act as a down-at-heel lugubrious person. Lady Robey's wreath of 25 roses, one for every year of their marriage, was added to his other well-known theatrical trade mark ending: "...and the eyebrows rest forever more."

Leading actors and actresses, members of Parliament, stage groups and the British Broadcasting Corporation all sent flowers to the funeral. —China Mail Special.

ICY CLUTCH

Nylstroom Transvaal, Dec. 2. Hailstones in storms which have recently hit the Nylstroom area of the Northern Transvaal were so big that one hen mistook them for eggs, and was found on a nest dazed with cold, trying to hatch out the icy stones. Another hen, caught in the open with her brood of chicks and unable to find shelter, protected the chicks with her wings though beaten almost unconscious by hail. She saved her chicks, and recovered from her ordeal. —China Mail Special.

Imprisonment Of American Airmen

China Paving Way For Mediator?

Newark, N.J., Dec. 1. The Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr. George K. C. Yeh, said today he believed that the Chinese Communists, by convicting 13 American airmen, were attempting to pave the way for a neutral country to step in as mediator.

"I am certain that the Chinese Communists have chosen this moment to make this announcement for some definite purpose," he said in an address to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce.

"They may be trying to pave the way for something to come. Or they may be trying to forestall something which may be brought about against their interests. Whatever their motive, it is certain that they know all too well that this announcement will shock the Free World."

TENDENCY TO RELAX
"My personal feeling is that they are creating a situation for some neutral country to step in and mediate, and in the process of mediation they would present some counter-proposal in order to exact concessions."

Dr. Yeh said there had been a tendency to relax the economic embargo against the China mainland. He contended that anything that would strengthen the Communist economy would help to perpetuate Red control.

"There is no reason whatsoever why the Free World should try to bail the Communists out of their self-created difficulties," he said. "On the contrary, an embargo of the most stringent nature should be imposed so as to compel them to defect, a portion of their resources now employed in preparation for new wars to peaceful uses." —United Press.

Indian Judges Wanted For Sudan

Hyderabad, Dec. 2. The Sudanese Government is to recruit 15 judges from India, since the judicial structure of both countries is stated to be similar, having been modelled on the former British Indian system.

The judges are expected to be recruited by the end of this year, when Sudan begins the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive. The appointment of the Indian judges in Sudan will be for a temporary period of five to six years. Knowledge of Arabic is regarded as a desirable qualification.

The Indian Government has asked the Hyderabad High Court to ascertain whether anyone in the state is willing to take up service in the Sudan. —China Mail Special.



Princess Margaret caught by the camera in a slightly pensive mood when John Jamieson, from Inverness, was explaining details of his home loom. Picture was taken during the Princess' visit to the Highland Home Industries Exhibition in London. —Central Press Photo.

Churchill's Aides Suffered More Than Premier

London, Dec. 1. Sir Winston Churchill arrived in Parliament today completely refreshed after the ordeals of yesterday's celebration of his 80th birthday.

Embargo Illogical Says Wilson

London, Dec. 1. Mr. Harold Wilson, a former Labour Minister, said tonight he hoped the British Parliamentary mission now visiting Japan would be able to bring back some useful advice about Japanese copying of British textile designs.

His own view, he said, was that these problems would not be solved until Japan was free to trade in her natural market, China.

It was illogical and strategically ineffective to maintain a substantial boycott of trade with China, he said.

Fighting in Korea had now been over 18 months. But the embargo still remained. Fighting in Indo-China had also stopped.

U.S. OPINION
He knew of the difficulties how much the question was affected by the state of public opinion in the United States.

But the Government also knew perfectly well that the embargo was economically damaging to Britain and her export trade.

It was strategically ineffective because the goods could be sent to Russia and East Europe and shipped from there to China.

Mr. Wilson was speaking in the debate on the Government's programme for the new session of Parliament.

The Government did not reply tonight. —Reuters.

INFORMER GIVES EVIDENCE IN ASSAULT CASE Kenya Soldier On Court Martial

Nairobi, Dec. 1.

A former Mau Mau terrorist who now acts as an informer for the Kenya Regiment told a court martial here today he heard a woman's cries coming from a watch tower where he had seen Private Leslie Arthur Hughes take a woman prisoner.

Hughes, 27-year-old member of the Kenya regiment, is accused of causing grievous bodily harm to a Kikuyu woman, indecently assaulting her and lowering her into a pit, threatening to bury her alive.

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges. Two former Mau Mau men gave evidence today, one of them a former oath administrator named Waweru Kinyanjui, and another, Gitau.

Waweru told the court earlier today he was "shocked" to see blood pouring from the ears over the face of the naked Kikuyu woman, Wambui, whom he said he saw lying on the platform of an 80-foot tower in a Kikuyu home guard post.

OATH ADMINISTRATOR
He admitted under cross-examination to being a former Mau Mau oath administrator and Mau Mau chairman in the Rift Valley. He was caught and confessed in July this year.

Gitau said he saw Hughes and two Africans take Wambui to the tower's third floor, and later heard a woman's cries coming from the tower.

He denied under cross-examination that he had agreed to help Waweru in doing anything to discredit the Kenya Regiment.

Gitau admitted he had taken part in a knife attack on a police inspector, 23-year-old Philip Bignell, of Christchurch, Harare, last July.

He told the court he had confessed to belonging to the Mau Mau when "I learned the Mau Mau was not good."

Georgie Karanja, a member of the Ngariga Home Guard, said he saw the woman lying partially clothed on the tower's platform with blood pouring from her right ear.

But Hughes did not do anything to Wambui when he was on the platform, the guard said, and he never saw Hughes touch her at any time.

Waweru said he saw the daughter of a Mau Mau suspect lying on the platform last September. He heard Hughes was going to question Wambui and later he heard "many cries" and he believed it was Wambui who was screaming.

He climbed the tower, he said. There was blood pouring from both her ears and her stomach. "I was shocked and told the Home Guard to put clothes on her," he said.

Waweru said he later saw Wambui in Hughes' quarters. Hughes told him to ask her questions about the slaying of a loyal African by a Mau Mau gang. When Wambui denied any connection with the attack, Hughes told him to tell Wambui she would be given some tablets and that she would die, if she failed to give the information within 20 minutes.

GAVE TABLETS
"Wambui was given two blue tablets by the accused who held her by the throat to make sure that she swallowed them," Waweru said.

Hughes then told her he did not want her to die but that he wanted her to talk. He then gave her another tablet saying it was an antidote. —China Mail Special.

Flower Offering



The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Sir John Kotelawala, makes an offering of flowers at the Buddhist Vihara (Temple) at Knightsbridge, London. Watching him is the first Englishman to become a Buddhist priest, the Venerable Kapilawaddha, formerly Mr W. A. Purvis. —Reutersphoto.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May



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boards cleaning other people's windows. He started an industrial cleaning business which today has an annual turnover of £200,000.

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THE ANKRAH-McCARTHY BOUT SHOULD KEEP THE FANS HAPPY

Says DENNIS HART

The ill wind which, as the proverb says, always does someone some good, has whipped round the Piccadilly office of Jack Solomons, boxing promoter, bookmaker, fishmonger.

It brought the news that American Baby Ortiz will be unable to fight British Featherweight Champion Sammy McCarthy at Harringay on December 7 and sent genial Jack into a frenzy of negotiations to find a substitute. He finally signed up Roy Ankrah, the Black Flash from the Gold Coast.

That is good news for the fans. They should see the best featherweight show Britain can offer.

Good news, too, for Ankrah. Twenty-one years old, he was crowned champion of the British Empire title to Irishman Billy Kelly. The fight against McCarthy gives him an early chance to get back into the front line. And Ankrah needs a work-out. He's some way off his best.

To complete the happy circle McCarthy also starts to fight.

A year ago, this shy lad of 21, a bare chest and cherubic face was hailed as the answer to British boxing's prayers.

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Came introduction to the fight of Nigeria's Hogan Bassey and Merdours Ray Pamechon and Jean Sneyers, and three successive defeats, mated the McCarthy record.

ANOTHER STEP?

Beating Pierre Richard at Cannes recently, he showed something of the form that once pushed so many hopes. On December 7 he can take another step on the way up.

Surely this everything-in-the-garden-is-lovely must end somewhere. With the defeat of Ankrah or McCarthy?

Maybe not even there. It can be such a cruel world. I think they will.

Who will win? Both sides are confident. That's as it should be. If anything, there is a higher note of optimism in the Ankrah camp. Manager Joe McKean insisted that Ankrah wouldn't enter the ring unless there was an additional £500 side stake. When a rainy Scot talks that language he isn't bluffing.

McKean takes Ankrah's flailing all-action style to overwhelm McCarthy's neat boxing.

McCarthy's answer will be a piston-like left to keep Ankrah at bay and a newly-developed right cross to bring him down when Ankrah comes within range.

McCarthy sticks to this plan, and refuses to be hustled, he can win.

An additional incentive to both men comes about through the continued state of the Empire Featherweight position. Four challengers are listed for Championship Billy Kelly.

They are Ankrah, McCarthy, Hogan Bassey and South Africa's M. Towel. In January the newly formed Empire Boxing Committee meet to decide who will be the leading contender. This Harringay fight is overweight and so not an official eliminator. But it may help many opinions.

But are boxing honours worth the trouble? Joe Lucy, British Lightweight Champion, has his doubts. A year ago he won the title from Tommy McGovern. He is still searching for a contender. The British Boxing Board of Control say there just isn't one.

Jim Wicks, Lucy's manager, thinks there is Johnny Butterworth, pride of Rochdale. Butterworth holds two decisions over Lucy in non-title fights. But there is no saying that Butterworth would not have won anyway. At least he has done enough to gain a title chance.

The Boxing Board still say no. Further afield things are just as bad. Lucy wants a crack at the European title held by Italy's Duilio Loi. The European Board have nominated Frenchman August Gault as the No. 1 challenger. Gault recently lost his French title. Does this give Lucy a chance? In theory, yes. But champion Loi, fresh from fighting in Australia, now turns his eyes to America. That keeps Lucy on boxing's unemployed list.

HUTTON MISSED IN THE SLIPS



Hutton missed in the slips by Richie Benaud off Jack Trennor, during the match between the MCC and New South Wales. The other batsman is Colin Cowdrey who went on to score 103. Keith Miller can be seen on the extreme right of the picture while Arthur Morris is seen on the extreme left. — Central Press Photo.

SCOTTISH SPORTS REVIEWED

Keenan Thinks It Will Be The Most Important Fight Of His Career

By JAMES ANDERSON

Glasgow's Peter Keenan is suddenly treating his British bantamweight title fight with Irishman George O'Neill, in Belfast on December 11 as the most important fight of his career.

The reason is that promoter Sam Docherty, who brought French World Champion Robert Cohen to Britain earlier this year, has told Peter that he is almost certain to fix Cohen for a World Championship fight in Glasgow next April. — If Keenan beats O'Neill.

So Peter's three weeks' training, which began last week, will be the longest he has done of this kind for any fight. And he will do more sparring than ever before.

Peter will have with him Scottish Lightweight Champion Don MacTaggart and featherweight Malt Fulton. He will leave his car behind for extra sparring partners to be brought to his Ayrshire training camp throughout the period.

Is Peter's journey really necessary? Couldn't he win without all this extra training? O'Neill hasn't been impressive in recent fights.

CRISP ANSWER

Keenan's answer is as crisp as his straight left. "When I went to fight Belfast's Johnny Kelly the first time, I was told it would be easy. He had never fought outside Ireland. He was inexperienced. What happened? I LOST MY TITLE."

"There's too much at stake this time for me to take chances. So I'm not taking any."

Cohen will be a spectator at the Keenan-O'Neill contest. If Keenan leaves the ring the winner, negotiations for the fight will be over.

World Championship fight will be opened immediately.

GREAT COMEBACK

"Last-minute Rally", the centre forward who has rescued many games for Hibs and Scotland with a goal in the closing seconds, may score a last-minute victory in his fight for a Cypriot title against Hungary on December 8.

Out of the game for nine months through illness, Lawrie Rollie is making a great comeback. In four games he has scored five goals. Will he be preferred to Hearts' Willie Bauld?

Bauld's artistry with feet and head is supreme. His display against the League of Ireland was well-nigh perfect. But he is more casual than Rollie. He hasn't the needle-like never-say-die thrust of the Hibs star.

There's one doubt about Rollie: his ability to stand up to the gruelling pace the Hungarians are bound to set for the full 90 minutes. If the selectors think he can, Rollie will be in.

Scotland's amateur boxers are likely to be putting more pep into their punch. Under a rule just adopted by the Scottish Amateur Boxing Association, no points will be awarded for defence.

This means that the boxer who lands the greatest number of blows with the knuckle part of the glove will be awarded the decision in every case.

IMPROVING TASTE

Television is improving the tastes of Scottish soccer fans. Watching International and club sides from Hungary, Germany and the Soviet Union on their fireside screens, the fans are not

Russians Enter World Table Tennis Tourney

The Hague, Nov. 30: The organising committee of the World Table Tennis Championships announced tonight that 45 countries have entered already for the 1955 championships to be held in Utrecht, Holland, from April 15 to 24. Russians will compete in the championships for the first time. — Reuters.

HKCC TEAM TO PLAY BANGKOK

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in a match against the Royal Bangkok Sports Club at Chater Road on Sunday, December 5, commencing at 11 a.m. —

T. G. C. Knight, C. J. B. Leader, G. H. P. Prichard, L. D. Kilbey, T. A. Pearce, A. Zimmern, H. Madar, T. P. Mahon, R. M. Macpherson, I. L. Stanton, K. G. McKean.

Score: Mrs Knight; Umpire: J. J. Hart.

AIK WIN AGAIN

Salgon, Dec. 1: The Swedish A.I.K. football team tonight beat the Vietnamese side "Salgon Selection" by 5-2. At half-time, the score was 3-2. — France-Press.

INTERPORT DINNER

Hongkong Hopes To Win As The Visiting Side Next Year

Hongkong would have to do much better next year when it will be Singapore's turn to act as host and to become the home side, if we hope to break this trend of the home side always winning, commented the Hon. Kwok Chan, President of the Hongkong Football Association, at a dinner in honour of the visiting Singapore "Aw Hoe" Cup team, at Winner House last night.

The dinner was attended by a large majority of the Colony's football fraternity, and prominent public figures who included Mr Justice Reece, Mr D. W. Benson, and Mr Jock McKelvie.

The Hon. Kwok Chan in a speech at the commencement of the dinner said in part:

Our friends of the Singapore Football Association have come to visit us again; this time in connection with the playing-off of the annual interport competition for the "Aw Hoe" Cup, and it is my most pleasant duty to extend them, on behalf of the Hongkong Football Association and myself a very cordial welcome.

It is a great pleasure to have an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones, and I can safely say that this sentiment is shared by everyone amongst this gathering, the turn-out in honour of our visitors tonight.

There seems to be a belief (whether well-founded or not I do not presume to say) that in this "Aw Hoe" Cup Competition the home side has always been favoured to win. It so happens that the results of past years have proved this to be right. I think it is not inappropriate that this should be so, in view of the fact that this Cup was initiated and dedicated to the memory of one who had, throughout his lifetime, contributed so much to the good of football, and who had regarded both Singapore and Hongkong as his home — one was undoubtedly as dear to him as the other. I am sure he would have given him much delight if he had lived to this day, to see each side taking turns in the custody of this coveted trophy.

FORTUNATE

Hongkong has been fortunate, thanks to the good efforts of our players, to be able to regain both the "Ho Ho" Cup and the "Aw Hoe" Cup this year, but judging by the strong opposition put up by the Singapore teams, an afraid Hongkong will have to do much better next year when it will be Singapore's turn to act as host and to become the home side, if we hope to break this trend of the home side always winning. However, irrespective of what the result has been or will be, it is pleasing to all those who participate in these competitions to be conscious of their share in bringing about good fellowship and better understanding between neighbours or between members of the family of nations, as one of the important objects with which these soccer competitions have been organised.

I want to assure our Singapore visitors that whatever they may find lacking in the entertainments provided by us here they will find no lack of sincerity and warmth in our reception.

I am very pleased to see H. H. Mr Justice Reece, Mr Benson, to whom I referred at a recent meeting as our fairy god-mother, and other distinguished guests with us again. Let me assure them that their presence at these parties has always given us inspiration and encouragement, and that no function is complete without them. To each and everyone of them I express my grateful thanks.

Members of the Hongkong Football Association, I ask you to rise and drink with me to the good health of our Singapore visitors and other guests.

Mr Wanscher, Singapore team manager, replying on behalf of the visitors, stated that the better team won.

Mr D. W. Benson replied on behalf of the invited guests.

The Hon. Kwok Chan presented the magnificent "Aw Hoe" Cup to Tong Sheung, captain of the victorious Hongkong team. Singapore players were presented

What Strange Reading!

By ARCHIE QUICK

What strange reading the annual report and balance sheet of Arsenal Football Club for 1953 makes! The present High-bury organisation stands as a world-wide monument to all that is best in British Soccer; it is the one club, as recently shown by the Russians, which commands global respect. It is all very different, however, at the turn of the century.

The annual meeting was held then at the Duke of Connaught's Coffee Rooms at Woolwich, and the Directors went out of their way to thank supporters for a holiday fete and sports on Whit Monday and a bazaar in October to augment the funds.

Cash in hand at the beginning of the financial year was £99 and only £84 at the end of it. It was even worse in 1892 when there was only £22 surplus. At the present day Arsenal have £29,531 at the bank and also additional fixed assets of £254,012.

In 1900 players and staff wages amounted to £3,205 for the twelve months; now they total £52,428. Laundry alone this year came to £2,510. In 1900 also transfers paid out were £95, and a sum of £1,285 was obtained by selling players. In 1900 the gate receipts and sale of season tickets came to £3,800; last season the figure was £216,370, with a net income of £174,006 after Entertainment Tax had been paid.

For the past ten years the club has paid its chief scout in Scotland £1,000 a year and expenses. During that time he has "found" only one player for them—Logic—but Arsenal consider an outlay of £10,000 in return for the services of wee Jimmy well worth while.

HIS OWN SCOUTING

In those far off days of 1900 the late Mr Harry Bradshaw was the manager and had to do his own scouting. How would he explain, one wonders, an item in the accounts reading: "To confectionery £14s." A lot of sweets could be bought in those days for 24 shillings!

Prosperity, of course, first came to the club when it moved from Plumstead Marshes to North London and the late Mr Herbert Chapman was appointed manager. He lifted the club to its great heights, the same as he had done at Leeds and Northampton, previously, and he it was who originated the stopper-centre-half system as perfected by the late Herbert Roberts.

His successor was Mr George Allison, who was at the England versus Wales International, and in very poor health. He laughed when I showed him the old statement of accounts and report and said: "These Directors would turn in their graves, if they could see the Arsenal team of today travelling first class on the railways. The woolly gully now is just about the same as a year's expenses then."

ENGLAND BEATS GERMANY 3-1

Wembley Stadium, Dec. 1.

England easily defeated the World Football Champion, Germany, by three goals to one before 100,000 spectators here this afternoon after leading by one goal at half-time.

England, from favourites to keep their unbeaten record against the Germans, had territorially by far the better of the game and had their shooting been a bit more accurate, notably in the first half, they would have won by a handful of goals.

The young and experienced German team, which continued only to see an inferior of the size of a water-buffalo in the size of the English team, could never get a thing going and were forced on the defensive almost throughout.

If it had not been for the magnificent display of their discipline and control, the English, and the magnificent performance in goal by Billy Herbert, the German might have lost by an almost embarrassing margin.

First to Bentley. England should already have been on two goals to the good when Roy Bentley, the inside right of Chelsea, opened the scoring in the 27th minute after a knock-out from a nice job by Stanley Matthews on the right wing.

Rennie Allin, the West Bromwich centre forward, was guilty of several misfires.

It was Allin, however, who made some amends by increasing the England score three minutes after the interval. Then England got right on top and the standard of play which had previously been good, if not superb, began to deteriorate with the home team looking all over the winners.

TRIUMPH FOR MATTHEWS

The match was a triumph for the evergreen wizard Stanley Matthews.

Billy Wright, in spite of his 30 years, gave the German defence a terrible time and even now is the end of the 90 minutes he was outpacing rivals young enough to be his sons.

The receipts of £51,730 were a record for Wembley. The game was played in the autumn weather, on a soft pitch which, despite the drizzling it had received during the last few days, was extremely well-kept.

IN A NEW ROLE



Billy Allen, of Inlington, former World, European and British Flyweight Champion, who a little while ago announced his retirement from the ring, pictured at Smithfield Market where he has recently taken a job as a meat porter. — Central Press Photo.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Table Tennis (Non-Chl.) Colony Championships (Non-Chl.) at Mission to Seamen, 730 p.m.

Tasman Cup Final, Fanning.

TOMORROW

N.T. Inter-school Meet and Prize Presentation, Boundary Street, 4 p.m.

Land Forces Major and Minor Units Cross Country Championship in New Territories.

SATURDAY

Senior Shield (First Round) Sing Tao v South China (Club) 2.45 p.m.; 88. Joseph v R.A.F. (Snp) 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield (First Round) Club v Police (Club) 2 p.m.; 88. Aircraft v South China (Cf) 2 p.m.; Gymnastic v R.A.F. (Cf) 2.45 p.m.; Road Works v Y.M.C.A. (Cf) 3 p.m.; Jardine v R.A.M.C. (Navy) 3.45 p.m.

Cricket

Div. 1: Oshinaka v University; Army "North" v "South"; R.A.F. v C.C.C. v Army "South"; Police v "South".

Div. 2: R.A.F. v Navy; University v D.B.S. v "South"; K.G.V. v Dockyard v R.A.F.

Tennis

Varsity League: Lingham v St. John's (Cf) 9 p.m.

Rugby

Portsmouth Tournament: Club v R.A.F. (Snp) 3 p.m.; Police v Navy (Snp) 4.15 p.m.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



This is the first of a weekly series by TOMMY LAWTON, Arsenal and former England centre-forward. One of the greatest players Britain ever produced he presents the view of the man on the job.

Heavier Grounds May Have A Lot To Do With The Slump In Ideas

The heavy grounds have arrived and inevitably the quick, short-passing game is not being played to the extent it was when the dry, grass-clad grounds were with us. The ball plays a great many tricks on heavy grounds. It stops dead when a player is expecting it to come through, and it takes a great deal of moving in the thick, heavy mud.

Consequently the more open game is being played by the majority of British teams, which means more of the long ball. In my opinion the long ball can only be used on rare occasions.

The majority of teams I have seen and played against this last few weeks are playing the ball forward too much, generally by means of an aimless kick upfield in the hope that the forward line will get it.

This is a natural thing, of course, for a defender can ill

afford to make the slightest mistake in clearing his lines in a mud-covered penalty area.

The result, however, is that the short ball to his wing half or inside-forward is not being used as often as it was at the beginning of the season.

To my mind English football is not as good as it was in the first six weeks of the season.

STRAIN BEING FELT

The reason, I think, is that we are now almost half-way through the season (it soon passes, I think) and the strain of the promotion and relegation struggle is being felt by a number of League sides.

It is that very thing being put into practice at the start of the season are gradually going by the board mainly through this tension and quest for points.

We always say a point before Christmas is worth two after Christmas.

Heavier grounds may have a lot to do with the slump in ideas.

They require a different type of game from that played on the light ground. The very heavy ball and ground combine to make the game scrappy and hard tackling wing-halves more often than not come out best against ball-playing inside forwards, because they can back up with the knowledge of getting no serious knees or hard

Following is the draw for the First Round:

Mrs. E. Goldman v Mrs. R. R. Coombs, Mrs. Dawson-Grove v Mrs. W. P. Harrison, Mrs. F. Brooke v Mrs. F. G. Harrison, Mrs. S. M. Brown v Mrs. J. B. Mackie, Mrs. A. M. Brown v Mrs. J. B. Mackie, Mrs. W. N. Gray v Mrs. G. Edgar, Mrs. J. Van der Tuyn v Mrs. R. L. Lindeman, Mrs. D. L. Anderson v Mrs. C. Haver.

First Round to be played on or before December 16. Second Round to be played on or before January 11 and the Final is scheduled to take place on or before January 20.

Mrs. Dawson-Grove won the November Eclectic over the Old Course with 72-4=net 68. Mrs. J. Wal being runner-up with 71-2=net 69.

A "string" competition was played on Tuesday, November 30 and this was won by Mrs. E. Brooke with gross 76. Mrs. Dawson-Grove and Mrs. J. B. Mackie tied for second place with gross 79. Mrs. Dawson-Grove being declared the winner by virtue of her better score over the last six holes.

The Ladies' Section Annual General Meeting is being held today at the Helma May Institute, Garden Road. Proceedings commence at 5.30 p.m. and it is hoped that all who are able to attend will make every endeavour to do so.

Two Japanese Net Stars To Compete In P.I. Tourney

Manila, Dec. 1. The initial matches for the third Philippine Tennis Association open tournament will feature two visiting Japanese stars to be played on December 9, at Rizal tennis courts.

The visiting players, Atsushi Miyagi and Juji Takayama, first and third ranking Japanese players in Japan, will arrive in Manila tomorrow which will give them five days to acclimatise themselves.

All the ranking Philippine tennis players except Felicissimo Ampon are entered in the tournament.—France-Press.

TWO SHILLINGS TO COME IN

Melbourne, Dec. 1. Two lads, finding an unattended turnstile at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, admitted 20 people for two shillings each to watch a match.

A ground official, noticed the stream of people walking towards an empty pavilion and told them there was no play because of rain.

They could not get their money back because the "gatekeepers" had £50.—China Mail Special.

Women Wrestlers To Perform In Macao

Macao, Dec. 1. The world's first women's wrestling, Mildred Burke, May Young, Beverly Anderson, Gloria Barattini, Ruth Boatcaille and Rita Martinez will give two performances here on December 8 and 9 in one of the leading theatres.—France-Press.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The following are the fixtures for the week-end softball matches to be played at King's Park.

SATURDAY

Junior Division: Pandas v Overseas at 2 p.m. Umpires: Y. F. Chan, K. C. Wong, H. K. Chan.

P.I. Dodgers v Lynx at 2 p.m. Umpires: Paul Tiu and 2 C.A.A. players.

Seventeeners v Blackhawks at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: J. F. Yee, Johnson Shen, Allen Owen.

South China v C.A.A. at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: F. Diesta, M. Ferras, J. Cheng.

SUNDAY

Ladies: South China v Wahooks B at 10 a.m. Umpires: J. Chaves and 2 Ducks players. Collections B v Collections A at 10 a.m. Umpires: M. E. Nunes and 2 Blackhawks players.

Senior A: Pandas v Warriors at 11.30 a.m. Umpires: A. J. Hussain, Ed Carvalho and one Braves player. C.A.A. v U.S. Navy at 2 p.m. Umpires: H. Wingler, H. Bordwell, J. Carvalho.

Senior B: Americans v Blackhawks at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: W. Woo, Y. S. Liang, A. Oliveira.

Juniors: Wah Ying v 25 Founders at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: three C.A.A. players.

HOME RUGGER

London, Dec. 1. Guys Hospital beat London University by nine points to three in a Rugby-Union match played here today.

The Hospital led 9-0 at half-time.—Reuter.

THE AVA GARDNER STORY

SHE MILKED COWS AND PICKED COTTON, BUT WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM

By J. M. RUDDY

North Carolina is one of those South-Eastern States in America that has been romanticised in song and legend.

For thousands of simple people there is nothing particularly romantic about North Carolina, either in the morning or the evening, in winter or summer, especially summer. To them it is just a place where hard, sweated labour sometimes brings scant reward.

It's doubtful whether Smithfield, North Carolina, is known to you, or for that matter, to millions of Americans. To Ava Livinia Gardner Smithfield is very familiar. It's practically home. She was born on a tobacco farm near Boone Hill, eight miles from Smithfield.

Where is Smithfield, population about 8,000? It's on the highway, about 25 miles south-east of Raleigh, tobacco centre of the South.

Seventh child of Jonas and Mary Elizabeth Gardner, nicknamed Molly, Ava arrived early on Christmas Eve, 1922, in the 21st year of her parents' marriage.

Jonas was 44. His wife was 40. Together they had raised a family of four girls and two boys, despite the hardships of crop failures and low prices. Once he had owned his own tobacco and cotton farm. When Ava was born, Pop was a share cropper. He rented the land and paid for it by giving the owner a share of his tobacco and cotton.

If tobacco and cotton prices were down, if the crops were poor, he, like thousands of other tenant farmers in the South, went into debt. The Gardners lived in a frame house with an open porch around it, for shade and for the breeze hoped for in sultry summers.

Ava shared a room with two of her sisters. Like them, she helped in the house and on the farm.

NOTHING ROMANTIC

"Did I work?" she echoed. "Everyone worked. If you didn't work, you didn't eat. There's nothing romantic about

being a tenant farmer's daughter."

"As soon as I was old enough to walk and use my hands, there were chores I did and willingly. We went through the fields planted with tobacco and we picked the worms off the tobacco leaves."

"See these hands?" She extended graceful, well-manicured hands.

"They've been black with soil and dust and dead worms at the end of a day many a time. The leaves were picked we kids used to hand the crop out of the jorries so the grown-ups could grade it."

"We helped hang out the leaves to dry, then tied the dried leaves into bundles. The black gum or sap would stick to my hands until they were covered with a thick layer, like gloves."

"The only thing that would take off that black gum was lye soap, which also took off the skin at times."

Ava laughed.

"North Carolina? Fields of cotton. Plantations of tobacco. Barges strimming and mammins' a-hummin' in the fields of cotton, my eye! It was hard, sweaty work."

"I went onto the field barefooted because I didn't have shoes to wear. I was like the other kids. 'Believe me, I've milked cows and picked cotton, but not with any enthusiasm."

"I didn't like that kind of hard work, never have. Who would like to work in the blazing heat and come back home to a house like a furnace?"

I thought of the way Hollywood has pictured the South. The stately mansions of the owners of plantations; the vast, airy rooms with the fragrance of magnolias wafted in on the afternoon breeze; the frou-frou of tulle and the soft swirl of lace and silk as lovely women danced with handsome blades at a ball lit by hundreds of candles in Georgian silver holders and the chorus of bull-ropers calling to their mates by the slow-flowing river beyond the vast lawns.

BACK TO EARTH

Ava Gardner's forthright comments brought me back to earth, the earth Ava knew as a child. She had eased her feet out of her shoes and was wiggling her toes.

"One of my sisters was already married and away from home by the time I was seven, but my other sisters and my two brothers and I, we all had chores to do, like all farm kids, and being the baby of the family didn't let me out of any of them."

Ava said meekly.

"One thing I hated was washing dishes. With my sister Mary—she's next youngest daughter to me—I used to battle over doing the dishes."

Probably because she was the youngest, Ava noticed that being married and having a family was the happiest thing in the world for a girl.

Her mother was a wonderful woman, deeply affectionate, warm, kind, with a remarkable endurance and a great capacity to create something out of very little.

Through her childhood, Ava learned the realities of life, the values that are important whether you are the wife of a struggling tobacco farmer or the wife of a world-famous singer.

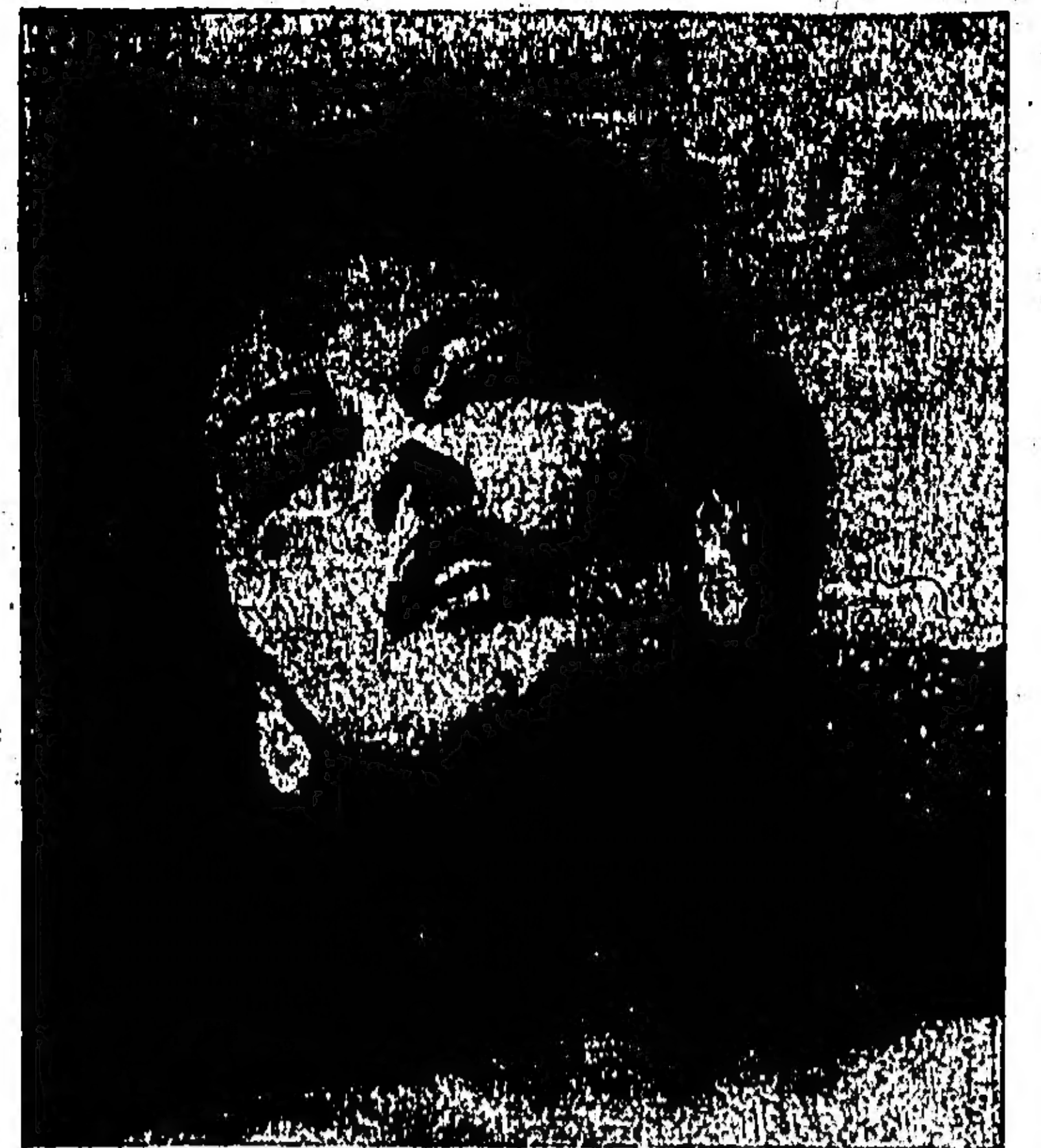
Friends of Ava have told me that her family could not have been much poorer. Yet despite the vicissitudes and the poverty, there was love in the Gardner home.

Hard-working, idealistic, hopeful for his children more than for himself, Jonas Gardner prayed for better times. His good wife sustained him through the hardships.

HAIR LIKE SUNSHINE

At the age of seven, Ava was a merry cheerful child, with sparkling green eyes, and hair that was like sunshine and naturally wavy.

One of Smithfield's veteran tobacco auctioneers, N. L. Perkins, recalled Ava thus: "Why I've known Ava Gardner since she was knee-high to a duck, I remember going out to her daddy's farm one day and there was Ava, golden hair, a full bottom, wearing a pink dress, and she was about seven years old."



AVA GARDNER — she was born on Christmas Day on a tobacco farm in North Carolina.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE ORDERS

Orders issued by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.S.I.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 48/64, Dated December 2, 1964.

Ambulance Duties—Hong Kong.— 5.12.64-11.12.64, Eastern Amb. Div.; 12.12.64-19.12.64, Causeway Bay Amb. Div.; December 1964 Shekwan K. F. Neg. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Kowloon.— 5.12.64-12.12.64, Kowloon Amb. Div.; 12.12.64-19.12.64, Tai Wai Amb. Div.; December 1964, Waterloo Neg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties.—5.12.64, Annual Inspection & Parade, cancel.

Football Duties.—4.12.64, 2 p.m. Club Ground, Kennedy Town Amb. Div.; 5.12.64, 2 p.m. Club Ground, Kennedy Town Amb. Div.; 5.12.64, 1.40 p.m. Boundary Street Ground, KYMCA Amb. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties.—Shamshuipo.—3.12.64, 4.12.64, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.; 6.12.64-11.12.64, KYMCA Neg. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties.—Western District.—December 1964, Central Neg. Div.

Mongkok K.F.W.A. Assn. Clinic Duties.—3.12.64-4.12.64, KYMCA Neg. Div.; 5.12.64-7.12.64, Waterloo Neg. Div.; 8.12.64-9.12.64, Shamshuipo Neg. Div.

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He said Shirai was under the care of two doctors, sleeping 22 hours a day and being fed intravenously.

Dr Cahn hoped, however, Shirai would recover after two or three weeks' "complete rest".—Reuter.

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December, 1954 at 9.30 a.m.

to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the period 1st May, 1953 to 30th April, 1954,

to elect Directors, to appoint

Auditors and to transact any

other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and

Register of Members of the

Company will be closed from

Monday, the 6th day of

December, 1954, to Monday

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By Order of the Board,

T. L. LOO,

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1st December, 1954.

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Mr France Aims To Beat Africa Opposition

Paris, Dec. 1.

The Premier, Mr Pierre Mendes-France, launched a drive today to beat down the dangerous opposition to his reforms for North Africa and clear the legislative way for ratification of German rearmament.

The new Western European Union (WEU) won a preliminary victory in the powerful Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly even as the French Premier acted to clear the way for the great debate later this month on his approval.

In quickening steps, he pushed through minor changes in the constitution of the Fourth French Republic last night and then moved on today to confront the uneasy Gaullist critics of his policies in the vast French North African empire.

DANGEROUS OBSTACLE

His success still hung in the balance. The Assembly debate on December 10 is the one dangerous obstacle in the way of the inter and greater debate on ratification of WEU.

M. Mendes-France met for nearly two hours with a parliamentary delegation on the former followers of General Charles de Gaulle in an attempt to reassure them about his policy in North Africa.

At the same time, he sought to speed up negotiations for a successful agreement on home rule for the protectorate of Tunisia before the debate deadline.—United Press.

Store's Birthday Party Successful

Sydney, Dec. 2.

A store here decided to throw a party for its first birthday.

In newspaper advertisements, everyone living in the metropolitan area of Sydney was offered free rail tickets to come to the party.

It took a squad of police and five extra ticket collectors to handle the 21,439 people who accepted the offer.

They poured into the store to enjoy free refreshments, a jazz concert, a fashion parade, moving pictures and, of course, were given the opportunity of keeping the cash registers ticking until practically everything was gone from the shelves.—China Mail Special.

Red A-Tests May Have Disturbed Jays

Lüneburg, Dec. 1

The unprecedented arrival of large-scale flocks of Siberian jays in Lüneburg Heath, in Lower Saxony, have made German ornithologists wonder whether they have been driven from their Arctic breeding grounds by the five atomic explosions said to have been detonated there by the Soviet Union since May.

Another theory is that the birds may have been disturbed by attempts which the Soviet authorities have been making to turn the course of the Ob and Yenisey rivers in whose valleys they breed.

These rivers flow into the Arctic Ocean, but Soviet engineers have been trying to harness their waters to irrigate the vast steppes of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

The birds were at first thought to have come from East Prussia or Lithuania, but later research has given them a Russian origin. The jays had not been seen in Germany within living memory.—France-Press.

Marriage Becomes A Science Says Psychologist

Duesseldorf, Dec. 1.

A psychologist, Dr Guido Groeger, who believes that "marriage is a science like any other" has founded West Germany's first marriage school to prove it.

"Love cannot be taught, but with a little effort things can be made very easy for it," Dr Groeger says and adds that couples should explore the practical difficulties and problems of marriage before signing on the dotted line.

Dr Groeger, alarmed by the West German divorce rate, still, with 50,833 in 1952, the highest in Europe in spite of a gradual decline from the record in 1948, believes that if similar schools could be set up elsewhere the divorce rate would slump.

His courses, started last May, have attracted a flood of applicants from people between the ages of 20 and 30. Three parallel series, each with about 40 students, are run for the unattached, the engaged, and the newly-married respectively.

FIVE-MARK COURSE

Each course costs five marks (8s 4d) and lasts ten weeks, with the "students" meeting once a week for discussions, lectures, and social evenings.

Dr Groeger says that the course for the unattached brings together people who are strangers to each other. "After a couple of meetings, participants begin to arrive in pairs. Later, most have found a companion." The courses have been "a complete success."

Students have to explain why they are interested in the school. Typical reasons given are "We need help," "We want to find out about marriage," or, "We have rather special views about marriage and want to see whether others share them."

An "ideal couple" is elected at the end of each course for the engaged and newly-married. They are the ones who have "the best agreement on marriage problems, with some mutual tolerance, but not carried too far."

Typical subjects for lectures, delivered by Dr Groeger or members of his team of six psychologists, and of discussions

are, "The human animal goes through two stages, 'between maturity and marriage.' The inner psychological processes of matrimony," "The meeting of the sexes," and "The unchangeability of sex."

Some come to the courses because they find that they quarrel all the time. They want to air their problems in public. A few engaged couples find out during the discussions that they are incompatible and the engagement is broken.

MOST PROFESSIONS

Dr Groeger advertises his school in North Rhine-Westphalian churches, schools and factories. Most professions are represented among the students, with a fair sprinkling of engineers, salesmen, post office workers, business secretaries, and a few gardeners.

Dr Groeger believes that the fundamental problems of marriage are the same in all countries, but the centre of gravity of the question varies. He lists Germany's special worries as the aftermath of war, which shattered family life, insufficient sexual education, and a "too romantic" view of marriage, which he blames on the cinema. His school aims at showing marriage as "a problem which can be solved."

Another German difficulty, he says, is that harsh postwar conditions, with an embittered struggle for life, have matured young German men faster than women. "The male students at my courses are far more earnest and more serious than the girls," he declares.

Dr Groeger also blames Germany's wartime "long distance" marriages arranged by the Nazis to boost army morale, for the failure of many marriages. Under this scheme, soldiers at the front could be married by their Commanding Officers under the falling shells of the enemy. In a register office back home, at exactly the same moment, the bride went through a similar ceremony.

Dr Groeger, who also gives private consultations on marriage problems, says that unfaithfulness in West Germany is far more frequent among men than among women. Most of his private clients are women.

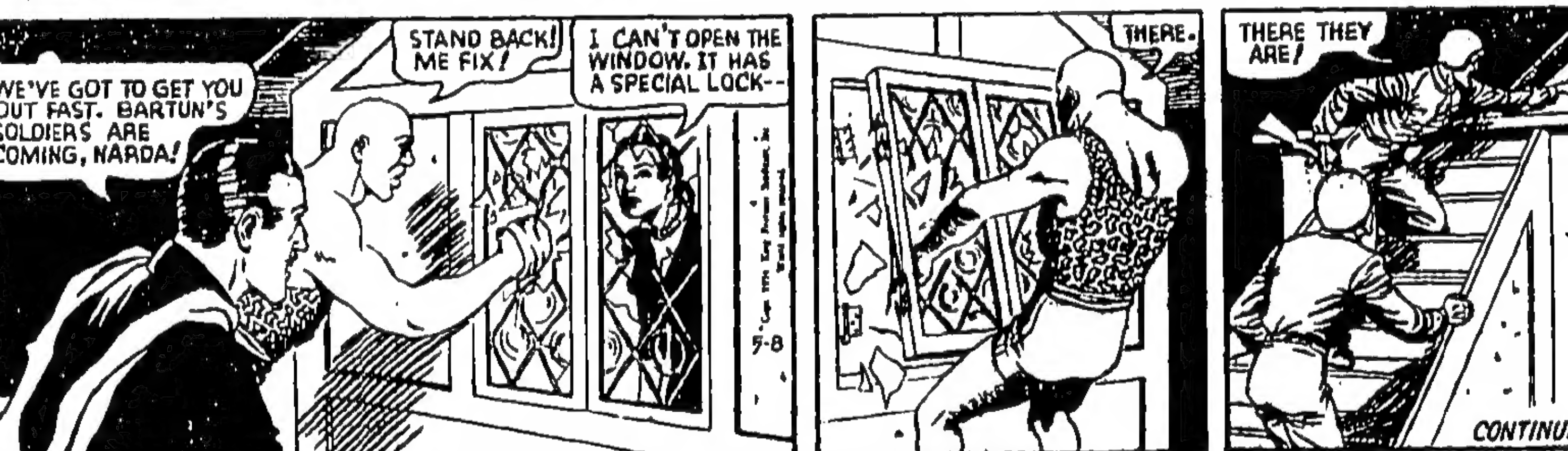
MEETINGS ARRANGED

One sideline of his new school is a "marriage bureau with a difference." People write to him explaining how they visualize their future partner. The letters are collated in a pamphlet which is then mailed to each writer. Meetings are arranged, and the new acquaintances are invited to join the course for the unattached.

Dr Groeger says that some of his inspiration has come from writings distributed by the Department for the Christian Education of Adults of the Methodist Church of the United States, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr Groeger himself is happily married and has six children.—China Mail Special.

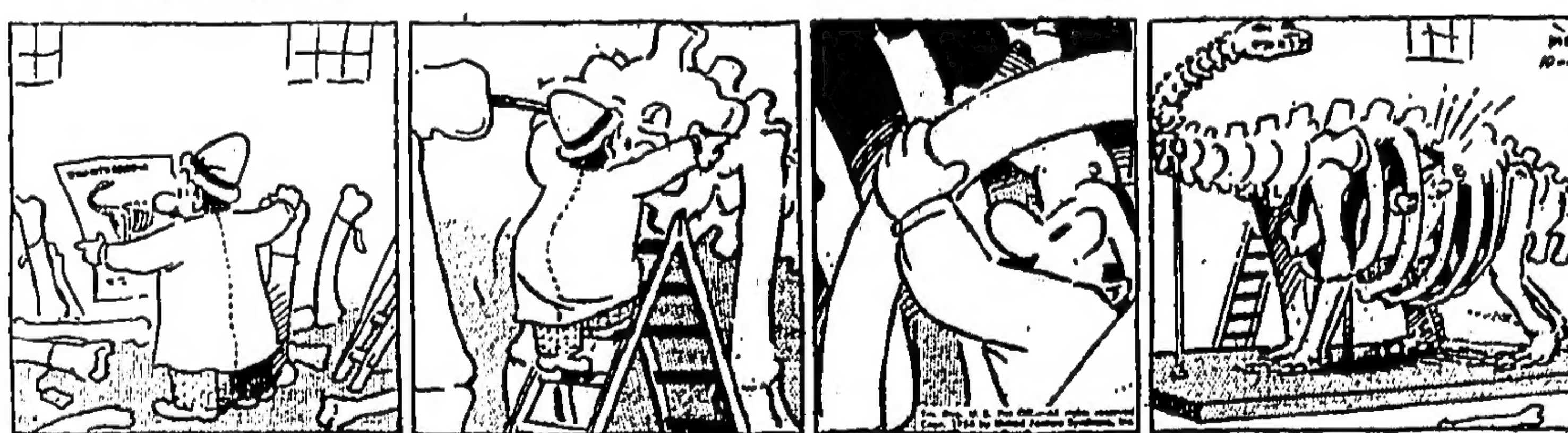
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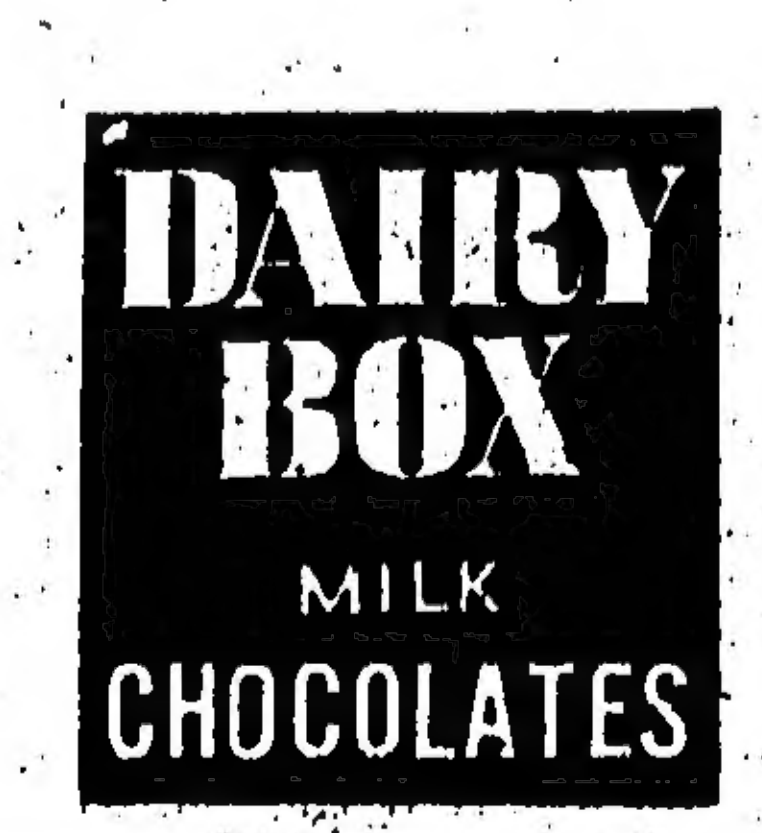
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Dancing Girl Loses Ear In Fight

Singapore, Dec. 1.

A Singapore dancing girl brought her right ear to court in a bottle recently and charged another woman with biting it off during an argument.

The plaintiff, Fatimah binte Said, said she was starting a fire to cook her dinner one day when a bit of coal dust fell by accident into a pot belonging to Zabidah binte Mohamed Bakri, a former dancing girl and mother of two children.

An argument developed. Zabidah lost her temper and bit off most of Fatimah's ear—but then, much to Fatimah's relief, spat it out again. Fatimah picked up the remnant, put it in a bottle and hurried to the hospital hoping to have it sewed on again. Doctors said it could not be done. The biting Zabidah was sentenced to one day in gaol and fined \$400 (134)—France-Press.

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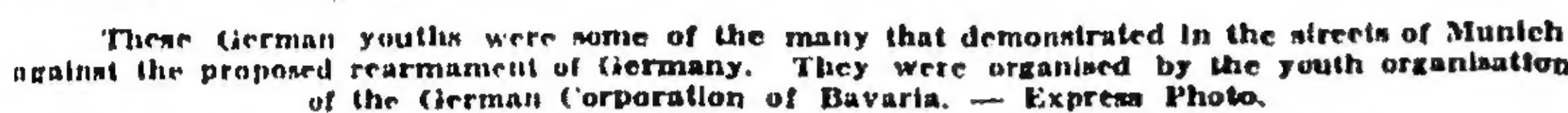
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Sir Winston Was Looking For A Jujube

"shop in wolf's clothing." The authors describe the daily scene when Sir Winston Churchill takes his place on the Government Front Bench in the House. Suddenly there is a burst of activity behind the Speaker

Another Churchill birthday publication is a book of tributes by many eminent public figures and edited by Sir JAMES MACKENZIE. It is published by Cassell and Company, Ltd, London (12s) under the title "Sir Winston Churchill: A Tribute".

tribute to fine seamanship
the picture given of the work
of British coastguards, lifeboats
men and shore wireless station
operators in the coastal rescue
organisation of Britain.—*Chambers*
Mail Special.

Domestic Demand Still Continues Strong

The Board refrained from significant comment concerning the outlook in the wool trade, but said that imports of both dutiable (apparel) and duty-free (mostly carpet) wool in 1954 through August were substantially below those of the January-August period of 1953.

Output compared with a year ago. Prices today closed in respect were stated as follows:

the FANT, motor, roller-milled	100
the FANT, partial, roller-milled	98
—United Press.	(A)

automobiles and a gain
manufacturers' orders for both
durable and non-durable goods
point to more increase in the
industrial production in the next
few months." —United Press.

London, Dec. 1.
Courtaulds Limited, announced the reduction of the price of their spun-dyed continuous filament acetate yarns, (except black) by 9 pence per lb., as from Dec. 1, 1954.
The reduction also applies to the Company's spun-dyed acetate specialties, such as millspun, spun-dyed, stub yard, and spun-dyed strip yarns.—United Press.

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May	280 1/2
July	282 3/4
Sept.	280 1/2
Barley,	
spot	180-182
New York flour	
800 lb. sack	\$14.90

United Pro

(From Our Correspondent)

Dock	20.00	175	of	83
Provent		200	of	83
(OK)	15.00	50	of	15.
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Wheelock	7 16,500	of		7
LAND, ETC.				
HK Hotel	14 1/2 14.00	2000	of	14.
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New York, Dec. 1.
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—United Press

Chicago, Dec. 1

May	200 1/2
June	200 1/2
Sept.	200 1/2
Barley	200 1/2
Wheat	100-100
New York Flour	21-90
200 lb. sack	21-90
	United Pro

Spot	875
Jan.	201
Mar.	201
Apr.	201

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